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WEEKEND

THURSDAY

Wordsmiths

Skinny's Ballroom hosts a book signing featuring local authors from 5-9 p.m.

FRIDAY

I Heart Local

The Global Youth Peace Summit is raising funds with an event featuring local musicians, artists and businesses at 6 p.m. at the Amala Foundation.

SATURDAY

69 Love Songs

Gnap! Theater Projects conducts its final performances of a set of short plays based on the iconic Magnetic Fields album. The show starts at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Lady Bird

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center hosts a tribute day featuring tours, a book signing and a singing zoologist from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Today in history

In 1954

Vietnam splits into North and South during the Geneva Conference.

DT Blogs



Read about Rick O'Donnell's analysis of UT faculty efficiency, and about a man found dead in a parked car on Guadalupe Street at bit.ly/dtupdate

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Quote to note

"It's the drive-in for the modern age. It's small, it's compact and it'll fit anywhere."

— Josh Frank
owner of Blue Starlite
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Man executed despite plea for clemency on his behalf

By Jillian Bliss
Daily Texan Staff

A man convicted of killing two people in Dallas in 2001 died by lethal injection Wednesday evening, despite pleas to stay the execution from a man who survived an attack by the murderer.

U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel upheld the execution of convicted kill-

er Mark Stroman on Wednesday afternoon. Yeakel said in a court order that he lacks jurisdiction to interfere with executions and the criminal justice system would be corrupted if the court granted Stroman clemency.

Rais Bhuiyan, the only survivor of Stroman's post-9/11 shooting spree, announced a lawsuit last week against state officials claiming he was denied

the right to mediation with his attacker. Bhuiyan, who was shot in the eye by Stroman while working at a Dallas gas station, said he didn't learn he had the right to meet with his attacker until May.

Stroman, a former methamphetamine addict and white supremacist, claimed the alleged death of his

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Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Rais Bhuiyan looks on outside a U.S. District Courthouse in Austin on Wednesday. The inmate, Mark Stroman, was executed that evening.



Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff

Audience members Vanessa Parner and Dylan Reynolds watch a screening of "Nightmare on Elm Street" at the Blue Starlite Mini Urban Drive-In Theatre in East Austin on Wednesday night. The theater has been open for almost a year and shows films from a variety of genres and eras.

A country concept in an urban setting

By Aaron West
Daily Texan Staff

As dusk falls and ushers help late arrivals get squared away in their spots, popcorn crunching and hushed laughter die down as the screen flickers. All eyes are glued on the screen at Blue Starlite, Austin's only urban drive-in theater.

The Blue Starlite Urban Bou-

tique Drive-in Theatre showed its first film, "Pee Wee's Big Adventure," just one year ago, and since then has gotten attention for its unique take on an old concept — classic movie soundtracks streamed through an FM radio in the comfort of your vehicle.

With two locations in town, a brick-and-mortar location on Cesar Chavez Street and a satellite

branch on Sixth Street, the theater claims to be the "first and only" mini urban drive-in. Unlike a traditional drive-in movie theater, owner Josh Frank said Blue Starlite's metropolitan setting adds a magic touch that makes the theater a unique movie-watching experience for customers.

WHAT: The Blue Starlite Mini Urban Drive-In

WHERE: 2326 E. Cesar Chavez St

HOW MUCH: \$25 for four people in one car

WEB: bluestarlitedrivein.com

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Student organizations given more funding by budget committee

By Victoria Pagan
Daily Texan Staff

The Student Services Budget Committee approved new allocations of money from student fees to five University organizations who displayed particular needs, the committee's former chairwoman said.

Former Student Government Vice President Muneezeh Kabir, who chaired the committee, said the nine-member group of students and faculty reviewed budget requests last year from 17 university centers, offices and programs vying for added funding, Kabir said. She said the committee decided to use money from the SSBC's reserved funding to support programs that seemed most beneficial to the University and those in most need of financial assistance.

"People would come and give detailed presentations about how their programs contributed to the University and why they needed funding," Kabir said. "I would say that recom-

mendations were reflective of who we felt needed our funding most."

The committee will distribute funding to the Gender and Sexuality Center, the Forensics Program, the Counseling and Mental Health Center, the shuttle bus system and the Office of Student Financial Services' Bevonomics program, Kabir said. She said funding will be distributed Sept. 1 — the beginning of the fiscal year.

The SSBC distributes about \$42 million in student fees each year. Funding to all other organizations SSBC allocates student fees to retained their previous funding levels. Groups include the Campus Environmental Center, Texas Student Media and Student Government.

Once the committee finalized its recommendations, it submitted them to Vice President of Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez for approval, which he gave in May. The recommendation

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Report divides UT professors into categories based on work

By Huma Munir
Daily Texan Staff

A new report by former UT System employee Rick O'Donnell divides the University's professors into categories based on their teaching loads versus the amount of external funding they bring in, fueling the controversy about higher education.

O'Donnell, who received a \$70,000 settlement after threatening to sue to the UT System Board of Regents, authored the report in which professors fall into five categories: "Dodgers," "coasters," "sherpas," "pioneers" and "stars."

Most professors at the University fall under "dodgers" and "coasters" who are considered the least productive faculty, according to the report. "Sherpas" and "stars" bear the greatest teaching loads and bring in more external funding than "coasters" and "dodgers." "Pioneers" have the lowest teaching load, with an average of 65 students per year, and "stars" teach the most students, with an average of 503 per year.

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Rick O'Donnell
UT system employee



Two UT police officers patrol on campus. UTPD and University officials are adapting emergency response practices based on lessons learned during the response to the shots fired on campus last September.

Erika Rich
Daily Texan Staff

UTPD to improve emergency response

By Katrina Tollen
Daily Texan Staff

The UT Police Department is adjusting its practices after a September on-campus shooting, according to a new report.

On Sept. 28, a mathematics sophomore fired an AK-47 on 21st Street before taking his own life in the Perry Castañeda Library. The 18-page report praises actions taken by authorities that day and makes recommendations for future preparedness.

"If there is any one thing — and it's true in any event like this — you can always improve on communication," said UTPD chief Robert Dahlstrom. "If this happened today, I think we'd be better prepared."

More restrictions on access to campus buildings during a lockdown, new locks on many classroom doors, a computer pop-up alert system on many University computers and a new signage initiative with directions for emergency circumstances are among

steps the University plans to take, said David Cronk, UT's director of emergency preparedness.

In addition, each campus building now has a specific building manager trained and equipped to organize in the event of a lockdown. Each manager carries a pager to alert them in case of a security threat on campus.

"If we give people as much information as we can, we reduce their anxiety and increase their security,"

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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Goodbye, Dan!

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became official last week.

Gender and Sexuality Center Director Ixchel Rosal said the funding from student fees have been the only source of income to run the center and expand it. She said she went before the committee last spring to ask for their continued support.

"I shared with them our current budget, talked about trends and things that we were noticing in the new space. They helped us get at

the new Student Activities Center," Rosal said.

Rosal said the center will receive \$10,000 from the SSBC to be distributed in two increments at the beginning of each of the next two fiscal years. She said the center has seen an increase in student traffic, and the money will help hire student workers to help incoming students.

Jane Morgan Bost, associate director for the Counseling and Mental Health Center, said the center has received an increased number of visitors since an on-campus shooting Sept. 28. She said the center asked the council for funds to be able to

handle more students.

"The funding will help us hire more workers to help students find the help they need through a system called triaging," Bost said. "Through the system, we do a quick assessment of students who walk in here, find out what it is that they need and explain to them what we offer."

Many students go to the center needing long-term counseling, while the center offers sessions that are meant to council students that need immediate assistance but do not require continuous sessions, Bost said.

She said the triage system cuts down on waiting time and prevents students from having to talk to multiple people before they find the assistance they need.

Gonzalez said some years the University does not have funds to add to the SSBC reserves. He said the recommendations from the SSBC were well thought out and did not require too much spending on their behalf.

Gonzalez said before approving the recommendations he consulted with his Associate Vice President Donna Bellinghausen and spoke with representatives of a number of organizations that will receive the money.

"I made no changes but had several considerations to address before I made the final approval," Gonzalez said.

Kabir said Gonzalez was not able to approve the committee's request for a 10th member.

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half-sister in the 9/11 attacks led him to shoot three men he thought were Muslims. He killed two of them and received a death sentence for murdering Vasudev Patel, an Indian immigrant who was working at a Mesquite, Texas, gas station.

Yeakel heard from representatives of the state attorney general's office and Khurram Wahid, an attorney representing Bhuiyan, at the U.S. District Court in Austin before making a decision.

"These men have been tied together for 10 years but kept apart by written law," Wahid said. "Moving the execution date a few months isn't really going to harm the state of Texas. It's a stroke of a pen."

Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Burton said in court that Bhuiyan did not have proper cause to ask courts to redraw the original order for execution and classified him as a third-party unrelated to Stroman's murder trial. They also said the case should never have been moved from a state court, and the federal court did not have jurisdiction in cases involving execution. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals denied a further appeal, according to The Texas Tribune.

Because the case involves an active lawsuit and pending litigation, staff in the Office of the Attorney Gener-

al declined to comment.

Wahid claimed in court that Bhuiyan was not informed of his right to communicate with Stroman until May, which violates his freedom of expression. Wahid said the case is not an attempt to reverse original rulings but to address victims' rights. He said because Bhuiyan's decision to request mediation was based on his Muslim belief, the state is also violating his constitutionally protected freedom of religion.

Bhuiyan told The Daily Texan his religion has been his primary strength in the years following the attack and the reason behind his pleas to grant Stroman clemency. He said family members of Stroman's other victims also feel the convicted killer deserves amnesty.

"There is a reference in the Quran that says a person who believes in tolerance and forgiveness is closer to God," said Nadeem Akhtar whose brother-in-law, Waqar Hasan, was Stroman's other victim. "We don't believe in revenge."

Bhuiyan said despite the outcome, he plans to continue to educate the public on the consequences of hate crimes. Bhuiyan said he wanted to speak to Stroman "from his heart" and felt a meeting with his shooter would be the only way to recover from the attack.

"How can I find closure if Mark is gone?" Bhuiyan said. "He will be gone from this world forever. That will put me into another trauma and open another chain of mental agony."

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Cronk said.

The new recommendations focus on streamlining communication between law enforcement units in the area and within the University alert system.

Texts, emails, the campus website and social media were used as parts of the campus alert system, but an incorrect password delayed the siren announcement for the lockdown. Law enforcement agencies also had discrepancies about which radio channel to use. The report does say

all confusion was resolved quickly.

The level of anxiety that results from one of these events can cause human error, UTPD spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon said.

The report praises the rapid establishment of a unified command and the level of collaboration between multiple agencies, which included the Austin Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Austin School District Police and UTPD.

Law enforcement followed the Incident Command System, a standard approach to organize responding parties under a central authority comprised of the heads of each department and the same structure UT officials use at special events.

At least once a year, UTPD officers undergo active shooter training with other law enforcement agencies, Weldon said.

Dahlstrom said prevention is an important element in the effort to eliminate these events, citing the Counseling and Mental Health Center as a critical on-campus resource.

"When you have that major of an event with that major of a response, we want to point out things we did well on, things we need to work on and try and be better and do better for the next event," Dahlstrom said. "I hope nothing like this ever happens here at UT again, but you train for this and you do the best you can when it does happen."

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O'Donnell said the purpose of the new report is to spur discussion about higher education and help institutions become more productive by reducing cost and improving the quality of education. According to the report, UT has slightly more than 3,000 professors, of which 1,784 are "dodgers" whose teaching costs exceed the amount of money they bring back to the University.

"At UT Austin, there are 1,784 faculty members who consume 54 percent of instructional costs but teach only 27 percent of the student hours and generate no external funding," according to the report.

O'Donnell said 20 percent of the University's professors are bringing in 90 percent of the external research as shown by the faculty data released by the UT System in July. He said the University can save up to \$573 million if it eliminates the "dodgers" and puts more emphasis on teaching rather than research.

"If you ask the public, 87 percent say the primary purpose of universities is to teach," O'Donnell told The Daily Texan after the report came out.

Texas Coalition for Higher Edu-

cation responded to O'Donnell's report in a press release and said he does not offer a new perspective. The coalition started as a way to address growing criticism of research at tier one institutions. The controversy became public in the spring with growing interest in a report from the Center for College Affordability and Texas Public Policy Foundation's and Gov. Rick Perry's support of the "Seven Breakthrough Solutions" — both suggest separating teaching and research budgets and eliminating "excessive" academic research.

"[The report] is a dance remix of a bad song," said JJ Baskin, a UT alumnus who serves on the executive committee of the coalition. "It doesn't appear that there is any new framework that's helping to advance the discussion."

Baskin said the report breaks down the professors' productivity in numbers and degrades their value by leaving out a lot of context. He said most research is supported by endowments, as well as philanthropic efforts of the University and community investments. The report is misleading because it does not paint the full picture, he said.

"Frankly, it is insulting to the professors at UT to be categorized that way," he said.

O'Donnell said some factors for

productivity might be missing from his analysis because administrators have failed to show transparency in tracking research dollars. The information about where the money comes from and how it is used is not easily accessible to public, he said.

Vice President of Research Juan Sanchez said most research investment is from external funding. Research brought in \$642 million to the University in 2010, mostly from federal grants and state and private agencies, Sanchez said. The threat to eliminate research undermines the future of students who would not be as prepared to enter the job market as they would be while doing research at the University, he said.

Grant Willson, chemical engineering and biochemistry professor, said he cannot imagine a university without research. He said he teaches a freshman seminar every semester, and it takes him about five hours to prepare presentations and handouts for each lecture. Additionally, he leads an interdisciplinary research group that studies organic materials. Most professors are as devoted to teaching as they are to research, he said.

"The combination of the two is quite interesting," Willson said. "They will not succeed in making me feel guilty about doing research."



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Gov. Mark Dayton is handed the last state budget bill which he signed, ending the government shutdown Wednesday in St. Paul, Minn.

Minnesota’s government ends statewide shutdown

By Martiga Lohn
The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota’s state government shutdown ended Wednesday after 20 days, millions in lost revenue and frustration on the part of residents and politicians.

The stoppage made the state a national example of political dysfunction, a small-scale mirror of the dispute in Washington over whether to raise the debt ceiling. But while federal lawmakers appeared close to a deal to slash spending, no such progress was made in Minnesota, where the budget was widely panned for just putting the problems off until later.

Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton pushed for months to raise taxes on the state’s richest residents to provide more money for social services, while Republicans adopted a “live within our means” motto. In the end, the state will spend more by delaying aid to schools and borrowing against future payments from a legal settlement with tobacco companies.

In contrast, the proposal being floated Wednesday in Washington would cut entitlement programs while raising some taxes. In both cases, members of both parties have bitter pills to swallow.

Dayton said the budget was the best deal he could get given what he called Republican stubbornness.

“I signed it because otherwise Minnesota wouldn’t go back to work,” he said at a Capitol bill signing ceremony.

Republicans were equally unhappy, having voted to spend more than they wanted. They also gave up on proposals to ban funding for stem cell research and curb public employees’ bargaining rights, while agreeing to a \$500 million construction financing package Dayton wanted for university buildings and flood projects.

“We did compromise with the governor in giving him more money, more money than a lot of Republicans wanted to spend, more money than I wanted to spend,” House Majority Leader Matt Dean said on Minnesota Public Radio.

US sends famine-relief aid to Somalia

By Kathatine Houreld
The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Tens of thousands of Somalis are feared dead in the world’s worst famine in a generation, the U.N. said Wednesday, and the U.S. said it will allow emergency funds to be spent in areas controlled by al-Qaida-linked militants as long as the fighters do not interfere with aid distributions.

Exhausted, rail-thin women are stumbling into refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia with dead babies and bleeding feet, having left weaker family members behind along the way.

“Somalia is facing its worst food security crisis in the last 20 years,” said Mark Bowden, the U.N.’s top official in charge of humanitarian aid in Somalia. “This desperate situation requires urgent action to save lives ... it’s likely that conditions will deteriorate further in six months.”

Oxfam said \$1 billion is needed for famine relief. On Wednesday, the U.S. announced an additional \$28 million in emergency funding on top of the \$431 million in assistance already given this year.

The Horn of Africa is suffering a devastating drought compounded by war, neglect, poor land policies and spiraling prices. Some areas in the region have not had such a low rainfall in 60 years, aid group Oxfam said.

In some areas of Somalia, six people are dying a day and more



Somali women displaced by drought, wait to receive rations at a camp in Mogadishu, Somalia, on Wednesday. Tens of thousands of Somalis have already died in the worst hunger emergency in a generation.

than half of children are acutely malnourished, Bowden said. Prices of staple foods have increased 270 percent over the last year, compounding the misery.

Somalia’s civil war is partly to blame, said Joakim Gundel, who heads Katuni Consult, a Nairobi-

bi-based company often asked to evaluate international aid efforts in Somalia.

He said aid groups found fundraising easier if they blamed natural disaster rather admitting the emergency was partly caused by a complex, 20-year civil war

worsened by international apathy and incompetence.

“There is no clear cut answer,” he said. “People are suffering and there is a need to respond. But drought is not the only cause. Conflict is a key reason and it is not being addressed properly.”

NEWS BRIEFLY

Journalists’ credentials restored after photographing Murdoch

LONDON — It was a splat heard around the world.

But two journalists who covered the aftermath of Tuesday’s shaving cream attack on Rupert Mur-

doch were briefly suspended from working in the British Parliament on Wednesday, after falling afoul of authorities there.

One of those suspended was BBC producer Paul “Gobby” Lambert, who captured the assailant being dragged away by police.

Lawmaker Louise Mensch told the House of Commons that officials had revoked Lambert’s par-

liamentary pass for breaking strict rules on where journalists can film.

The Press Association news agency said its reporter Theo Usherwood was also suspended for covering the same incident.

A “Save Gobby” campaign erupted on Twitter, with lawmakers and journalists offering support.

The BBC said it was “looking into this matter with the House

authorities” — and officials later said the two men’s passes had been restored.

The office of Speaker John Bercow said that although the journalists had broken the rules, they had done so in “unprecedented and unpredictable” circumstances.

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OVERVIEW

Austin needs single-member districts

The Austin City Council and various neighborhood groups are currently exploring options for creating single-member districts to elect members of Austin's city council. Currently the council's six members are elected at-large via citywide elections. Under the new proposals, the city would be divided into six districts, thus ensuring every part of the city was represented on the Council.

Austin's at-large city council structure makes it an anomaly. Austin is currently the largest city in the country without single-member districts. Coincidentally, Austin also has one of the lowest rates of voter turnout nationwide in local elections.

Single-member districts can help curb that voter apathy primarily by making city council representatives more accountable to their constituents by giving those representatives a smaller constituency. It follows that a city council member would be more knowledgeable of the needs and wants of one-sixth of the city's population, especially if he or she hails from that part of town. Likewise, it is difficult, if not impossible, for a city council member to authentically represent the interests of over 790,000 constituents, as is required by the current city council structure.

Students in particular would benefit from a switch to geographical representation. Such a move would solidify Austin's student population as a formidable voting bloc and would require candidates who decide to run for a Central Austin district to take student concerns seriously. Of course, that legitimacy can only become a reality if students increase their level of participation in local elections, which has historically been pathetically low.

Yet creating districts for geographical representations spawns controversial issues of its own, especially when so many of the interested parties bring their own political agendas to the table. Austin is no stranger to gerrymandering via the state legislature, and Austinites should be wary of that type of behavior from local officials.

For the sake of maintaining a healthy and representative democracy, Austin badly needs single-member districts. The only questions that remain are logistical: Who gets to draw the district borders, what demographic requirements must be met, etc. We hope, for the sake of this city's future, that our leaders will not allow themselves to be drawn into the type of childish political games that our state and federal representatives engage in when they draw their electoral maps. In the meantime, we encourage you to contact your city council members and advocate for creating single-member districts this year. It should be easy; you have six of them.

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GALLERY



O'Donnell misses the mark again



By Matt Daley
Daily Texan Columnist

Is your professor a sherpa? Or is she a pioneer, a coaster, a dodger or a star? Rick O'Donnell could tell you. Yesterday morning, O'Donnell — of “seven breakthrough solutions” fame — released a report based on data recently released by the UT and Texas A&M University Systems. In it, he placed each faculty member into one of five categories based on their teaching loads and the amount of research funding brought to their universities.

Stars are those faculty members who bring in large amounts of funding and teach large numbers of students. Pioneers bring in research money but do not teach as much, while sherpas bring in little research funding but bear heavy teaching loads. Coasters neither teach much nor generate much research funding. Dodgers are a special rung reserved for the worst of the coasters; those who have, to use O'Donnell's description, “figured out how to dodge any but the most minimal of responsibilities.”

According to O'Donnell, UT has 30 stars, 54 pioneers and 856 sherpas. This leaves 3028 professors, some 76.4 percent of the total, as either coasters or dodgers.

O'Donnell cites this “productivity gap” between high- and low-performers as a key reason higher education costs are increasing so rapidly. If UT had no dodgers, he explains, and the teaching loads of these professors were redistributed to coasters — around 97 more students per year apiece should do it — UT could completely eliminate tuition and give \$65 million back to the state of Texas on top of that. Such is the scope of the alleged waste.

He also cites a vast gulf between “big-time” researchers and the rest. At UT, he reports, 19 percent of faculty members accounted for 99 percent of external research funding in 2010.

Perhaps some of the data O'Donnell has presented is valuable. He certainly makes a compelling case for the existence of large disparities in faculty workloads, at least according to the metrics he chose.

But he paints in too-broad strokes a picture of scores of indolent faculty members who spend hours plotting ways to cheat the system supported by a few superstars who manage to keep the whole bloated thing afloat. It would be interesting to know whether that is true or not. Unfortunately, O'Donnell's analysis lends little support to his rhetoric.

The report ultimately suffers from extreme generalization. He lumps all faculty members together, tenure and non-tenure track alike. Most professors teach, though not

all. Yet many professors do not conduct research; they are not hired to do so. O'Donnell's formula penalizes them for this and spits out a number that leads O'Donnell to conclude they are unproductive relative to their peers.

This conflation haunts his argument throughout the report. He pays little mind to the fact that tenure track and non-tenure track positions are fundamentally different. Within tracks, he also does not separate the chemists from the poets. O'Donnell compares the two as if they were producing the same widget-like “research” product.

Three marquee engineering professors could bring in research funding that would dwarf entire departments in the humanities. This is not necessarily because they are relatively more successful in their fields, but it could be because their research costs more money or is valued more highly by the private sector. It should go without saying this sort of valuation should not factor into discussions of what type of research is more valuable at a university.

To his credit, O'Donnell raises an important issue. There are certainly problems in the higher education labor structure. The tenure system's incentive structure does present concerns about the potential for abuse. Adjunct professors and lecturers are paid significantly less than those on the tenure track. And ridding the system of free-riders to ensure our universities provide a quality education without undue waste is an admirable goal.

But his generalizations render his analysis meaningless at best. Its only redemption may be its potential to get administrators to start thinking about the problem. To the extent that there is a problem, it must be solved locally.

In this sense, O'Donnell's alarmist “crisis of productivity” rhetoric may do more harm than good. State policymakers should certainly hold public universities accountable for their spending habits. But by framing the problem as “waste” sucking Texas taxpayers dry, O'Donnell encourages politicians to act rashly.

Politicians face a different incentive structure than university administrators. They are rewarded at the polls for, among other things, short-term relief and are penalized for short-term pain inflicted as part of a longer-term plan.

Education is essentially long-term. So let politicians put general pressure on universities to improve their labor structures. But allow UT to solve its problems without the excessive micromanagement and “breakthrough solutions”-type edicts from the state that this type of alarmism is likely to elicit.

Daley is a biology and government senior.

GALLERY



THE FIRING LINE

Staff deserve merit raises

In your July 13 editorial “Put a pause on pay raises,” you argue that this is an inappropriate time to award a permanent merit-based pay increase to faculty and staff at the University, going so far as referring to it as “reprehensible” to do so. Your position is based largely on two stated facts. First, that faculty salaries have already increased dramatically in the last decade. Second, that other universities are unable to offer truly competitive salary increases in this economic climate, making it an unnecessary luxury to offer raises at UT at this time.

Unfortunately, by making these arguments regarding the approximately 4,000 full-time teaching staff at the University, you are also arguing to deny the first opportunity in several years for a very small merit-based pay increase to the much larger (approximately 20,000) number of full, and part-time non-teaching staff on our campus, many of whom are not participants in the national higher education job market. The competitive health of that market is not a benchmark that should be used to determine whether a merit-based increase is appropriate for the university's non-teaching staff.

Practically speaking, the University of Texas at Austin does not compete with UC Berkeley, Michigan or Harvard for custodial and maintenance staff, food service workers,

administrative professionals, health care professionals or IT staff. Rather, we compete with state and local government, national companies with local offices and retail outlets, hospitals and clinics, and local businesses, including the many Austin-based technology companies that have spent the last several years hiring away university programmers and technical staff who have grown tired of working in an environment of layoffs and increasing workload without even the promise of a small merit-based pay increase.

Clearly the current economic environment calls for prudent and careful management of the University's treasure. But please remember that when you argue for denying pay increases to all UT faculty and staff because you think that faculty earn enough as it is and aren't in a competitive job market, you are also arguing to deny pay increases to thousands more staff who are either struggling to get by in an increasingly expensive city on stagnant state wages, or are participants in what is actually a competitive local market for knowledge workers. Either way, your position does not do justice to the institution, and will eventually result in further degradation of the university's already frayed spiritual and physical fabric.

*Paul Grotevant
UT Staff*



Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff

Cara Varnell works to preserve one of the original “Gone With the Wind” dresses in the Harry Ransom Center on Wednesday morning.

Ransom Center restores aging dresses

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

In “Gone With the Wind,” Scarlett O’Hara braved the Civil War in fashion, but the lavish dresses she donned haven’t retained their rich color.

UT’s Harry Ransom Center, where the costumes permanently reside, is working on conservation efforts in hopes that the dresses will be ready for display by 2014.

Last year the Ransom Center raised \$30,000 of outside donations for the project.

The center received the dresses in 1981 from a collection from David O. Selznick, the film’s producer. They have not been on display at the center

but have been available to scholars.

The stress of age and gravity wore on the materials, said Ransom Center media coordinator Steve Wilson.

“They were only made to last as long as they were needed for the film,” Wilson said. “I think Selznick realized he had a promotional gold mine. They were sent to various places to be exhibited.”

When the film came out in 1939, Selznick ordered that the dresses tour the country.

Wilson said travel and dry cleanings done after each stop on the tour resulted in some of the damage the center is researching and hoping to fix.

Nicole Villarreal, textiles apparel technology graduate student, mapped every stitch on O’Hara’s fa-

mous green curtain dress to leave a record of the original stitches and those added later.

“It was hard,” Villarreal said. “It’s very different from knowing how to put something together.”

The Civil War epic captured the imagination of the American people at another time of war, Villarreal said.

“It was on the brink of World War II,” Villarreal said. “I think that was part of the whole appeal. You could lose yourself in the dresses.”

Portions of the dark forest green curtain dress faded to a lighter olive color. Two of the other dresses have similar discoloration issues, but the cause of the problem is a mystery.

The Ransom Center hired Cara

Varnell to tend to the dresses. She is a costume and textile conservator for a conservation studio in California.

Her main focus is to stabilize the dresses so they undergo as little damage as possible as they continue to reside in the center. The center plans to house a “Gone with the Wind” exhibit in 2014, the movie’s 75th anniversary.

The exhibit will include items from Selznick’s extensive collection, but it’s still to be determined whether the dresses will be in good enough condition to be displayed as part of the exhibit.

“We can’t really responsibly display it unless we find out why it’s fading,” Varnell said. “That’s the goal — to make them exhibitable.”

Return of Atlantis ends shuttle flights, not space program

By Will Alsdorf
Daily Texan Staff

After 30 years, 135 missions and more than 350 astronauts, today is the last day for NASA’s space shuttle program. The space shuttle Atlantis was scheduled to land after press time early this morning at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

The shuttle program served many purposes, including taking astronauts to repair the Hubble Space Telescopes and ferrying them to the International Space Station. Until NASA develops a new method for transporting astronauts, the agency will rely on Russian Soyuz capsules and commercial operations to take U.S. crew members between the space station and Earth, according to NASA.

Although the space shuttle program may be ending, the space program is not, said Wallace Fowler, aerospace engineering and engineering mechanics professor and director of the Texas Space Grant Consortium.

“[The space program] is not winding down. The unmanned program is going on,” Fowler said. “The manned program is on hiatus.”

On July 7, one day before Atlantis’ final launch, NASA Chief Charlie Bolden was also optimistic about the future of human spaceflight while announcing an agreement with Sierra Nevada, a commercial spaceflight firm, at Kennedy Space Center.

“The future of human spaceflight is bright,” Bolden told the Associated

Press. “You’ll hear me say that over and over and over again.”

NASA will continue sending astronauts to the International Space Station but does not have any planned manned missions to celestial bodies before 2025.

“The first manned missions will probably be to an asteroid, then we will probably go back to the moon,” Fowler said. “The reason we want to go back to the moon is because they’re finding significant amounts of water there.”

Fowler said the results of space-related research has had practical value for the public, not just for the immediate needs of the space program.

“If you go back and you think about the Apollo program, can you guess what came out of it?” Fowler said. “The microcomputer. The first microcomputer was the Apollo guidance computer. Now we probably all have things on our desks that can do 10 times more than it.”

The end of the shuttle program causes more immediate concerns for some people. Thousands of workers at the Kennedy Space Center are expected to be laid off in the months following Atlantis’ landing with another 800-900 layoffs at Mission Control in Houston, according to CNN and the AP.

“I’d love to have each and every one of you to stand up and take a bow, a round of applause,” shuttle commander Chris Ferguson said to Houston flight controllers Wednesday, the last full mission day, according to the AP.

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Until 1981 Texas had a minimum drinking age of 18. A federal law passed in 1986 tied to highway funding spurred states such as Texas to raise the age to 21, despite the fact that many European nations maintain much lower minimum legal drinking ages.

Drinking through the ages



Editor's note: This is the second installment in a bimonthly, three-part series of Thirsty Thursday Investigates underage drinking focusing on minimum legal drinking age.

By Gerald Rich

Why is the minimum legal drinking age 21 and not 18?

The answer is more complicated than you might think. Every aspect of the regulation of alcohol, beyond the one regarding underage drinking and counterfeit IDs, depends upon almost innumerable factors. The question of the minimum legal drinking age being 21 is more than someone's bluff to keep kids wholesome. It's a question of public safety for multiple groups of voters and state versus federal power.

There was a time when an 18-year-old could buy alcohol. From the end of Prohibition until the Vietnam War, the minimum legal drinking age, or MLDA, was 21 in a majority of states, with each state deciding their own minimum. In 1973, Texas lowered the drinking age to 18 — only two years after the 26th Amendment lowered the voting age to 18 during the tide of

young anti-war protestors. Texas then raised the drinking age to 19 in 1981 shortly before President Reagan used his federal power to override individual states' MLDAs in 1986.

"There were arguments that the lower drinking age was contributing to more highway deaths and, in fact, the number of highway deaths fell significantly after the drinking age went back to 21," said Carolyn Beck, director of communications and governmental relations for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. "Additionally, the federal government tied a highway funding to alcohol laws, including the drinking age and the allowable blood alcohol content for drivers. Those states who didn't conform their laws lost federal funding."

So, not only are MLDA- and DUI-related fatalities major factors in the decision, but the federal government ensures this isn't a law for states to mess with. If states do not comply with the law, the government can subtract up to 10 percent from the National Highway System Component, Surface Transportation Program and Interstate Maintenance Component budgets, totaling millions of dollars and jobs lost for the state, according to Title 23, Section 158 of the United States Code.

"State legislators, many of whom will admit the law is bad, are held hostage by the denial of federal highway funds if they reduce the drink-

ing age," wrote John McCardell, president emeritus of Middlebury College in a 2004 New York Times op-ed article. "Would we expect a student who has been denied access to oil paint to graduate with an ability to paint a portrait in oil? Colleges should be given the chance to educate students, who in all other respects are adults, in the appropriate use of alcohol, within campus boundaries and out in the open."

However, McCardell's argument for a more open society that allows for people to learn their limits at a younger age ignores some important numbers.

"The year that Reagan passed MLDA 21, crashes went down by an overall 15 percent nationwide and 20 percent in Texas," said Jill Johnstone, state and central program specialist for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "The brain doesn't stop developing till you're 22 or 24, specifically your ability to make judgments, risk assessments and short-term memory. An 18-year-old isn't mentally developed to make the right decisions."

Nevertheless, what about Europe, the seemingly fantastic "open waters" where almost any Longhorn studying abroad can pull up a chair, order a stiff drink and play the game?

In recent years, Europe has been rethinking their minimum drinking age, their policies on alcohol and what they commonly call across the

pond, drink-driving. But the European Union's 2009 Alcohol Strategy Progress Report also points out other factors that have successfully reduced the number of drunk-driving deaths, such as lowering the blood alcohol content limits without raising the MLDA.

After 24 member states adopted a BAC limit of 0.05 percent by volume or below in 2004, with some adopting a graduated limit for younger or more at-risk drivers or an overall limit of 0.2 percent or even 0 percent, the number of deaths fell from 54,000 in 2001 to 39,000 in 2008. That's an impressive 28-percent drop. Conversely, Texas' BAC limit remains at 0.08 percent by volume for anyone of legal drinking age.

Unfortunately in the U.S., here's where the game of politics becomes tricky. In recent legislative sessions, MADD has tried to introduce more legislation such as random BAC tests in high-risk areas, but to no avail.

"It has to do with a lot of civil liberties and potential racial profiling," Johnstone said. "The fact of the matter is that's not supposed to happen. Police officers are supposed to look at areas with high rates of DUI fatalities, not tell people where that is and know how many cars they're pulling over."

If politicians play the civil liberties card well, it trumps everything else regardless of perceived civil liberties of the 18- to 20-year-old voting bloc.

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Slow Family Living urges careful thought in parenting choices

By Pooneh Momeni
Daily Texan Staff

Parenthood exerts financial, physical and emotional stress on every parent. But the stresses that come with parenting can be reduced if parents are willing to slow down and listen to their children and their intuition, according to the philosophy of Slow Family Living, an Austin-based familial organization.

The success of other slow movements such as Slow Food and Slow Sex prompted Austin co-author of "Make Stuff Together," Bernadette Noll and Carrie Contey, a parenting coach with a doctorate in prenatal and prenatal psychology, to create Slow Family Living — a parenting philosophy based on the basic tenants of the other slow movements. The organization, which started in 2008, offers classes and workshops on familial topics such as prenatal parenting and sibling relationships, as well as one-on-one coaching with parents.

"We were working with new moms and we started to notice that there was a lot of anxiety," Contey said. "They were already worried, and these were babies, that they were going to screw up or miss something."

The heart of the Slow Family Living philosophy is the belief that children are capable of expressing, not necessarily verbally, what works for them and if parents tune in to their children, then they can alleviate the external stresses related to parenting, Contey said.

Like other slow movements, Slow Family Living does not require participants to literally slow down the pace of whatever they're doing. Instead, the philosophy asks parents to focus on what works for them and their families — slow is not the same speed for everyone. Where some families can handle shuffling between school, gymnastics, piano lessons and tutoring, others may find the whole ordeal exhausting and resent it.

"Slow Family Living is about taking the necessary pauses before reacting. It's about asking yourself as a parent, 'Is this what we want?'" Noll said. "It's not about doing nothing, it's about being thoughtful about what you are doing."

While Contey has no children, she said she feels her experience as a child and her education qualify her to give advice on parenting. And Noll, a mother of four, said since starting the group, she has implemented the philosophy she teaches in her own parenting.

While most University of Texas

students, such as Contey, are not parents, everyone was once a child and therefore has opinions on parenting. The phenomenon that Slow Family Living attempts to counterbalance is called "over-parenting," where parents attempt to foster a child's talents through regimented leisure activities.

Since 76 percent of UT's admits of the 2010 freshman class were in the top 10 percent of their high school, according to the Office of Admissions student profiles, a few UT students might be familiar with over-parenting as well.

However, as negative as it sounds, over-parenting may not be a bad thing.

In her book "Unequal Childhoods," sociologist Annette Lareau, who teaches at the University of Pennsylvania, follows 88 families with third graders from different social classes and finds that concerted cultivation, or over-parenting, can develop in children skills that are necessary for adulthood. Those children who were raised participating in organized activities with strict schedules learn to cope better with the time management necessary in college and the workforce, according to the results of Lareau's research. Additionally, the constant interaction with adults provides children with the ability to ask questions and negotiate, which cultivates their ability to communicate better as adults.

Both Noll and Contey made points in stressing that the philosophy is not a prescription, but rather an evolving formula for raising children. Although the philosophy may leave parents the option of pushing their children and organizing their life, the cornerstone of the philosophy certainly discourages the regiment necessary for concerted cultivation.

Since the group has only been around since 2008, no one has seen the final result — adulthood — for children raised under this module.

The conflicting parenting styles are a part of modern society's view on reality and there is probably no correct method, said Catherine McNamee, a graduate student and assistant instructor in the department of sociology and specialist in family demography. She said because of the complexity of our culture, we encourage multiple options and discourage the notion that there is only one right way to do something.

"It's more of a way of seeing things and a way of being in the world," Contey said. "It's simple, just slow down, connect, enjoy."

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"It's the drive-in for the modern age," said Frank, who was born in Austin and has a film degree from the State University of New York. "It's small, it's compact and it'll fit anywhere. We came up with a movie experience that you can't have anywhere else — even at the Alamo Drafthouse. So that's really nice that there are two really cool, original movie experiences right here in the middle of Austin."

Frank, 36, said he had the idea for the Blue Starlite theater when he was trying to think of something to do to celebrate his six-month anniversary with his girlfriend last August. At the time he was renting out space to artists in an art gallery he owned. He said he thought it would be cool to create a little drive-in theater for the night, so he set about converting part of the building.

"Some of the artists in the building that I was renting came out and said 'Oh, this is so cool, can I come?' and so, lightbulb!" Frank said. "I added a couple more spaces and started inviting my friends, and then their friends wanted to come and I made some more spaces. And pretty soon I had a little business. It was an art gallery that basically morphed into the drive-in and the drive-in sort of

took over and now that's my job."

Frank said the theater appeals to everyone, from couples on a date to people who just want to do something quirky and fun. It's an easy way to experience movies in a setting from a bygone era, something that many of their customers have never had the chance to do.

"We have teenagers and college kids coming in that have never been to a drive-in and they're actually getting a taste of a drive-in movie theater for the first time in their lives," Frank said. "We'll have a truckload of kids come and sit in the back of the truck and hang out and watch a movie. It's not just going to the movies, it's an evening."

In addition to serving up flicks in a nostalgic setting, Blue Starlite specializes in showing not only movies that theatergoers grew up with, such as recently shown "Back To The Future," "The Goonies" and "Teen Wolf," but also older, more obscure movies that haven't been played on the silver screen in years. Frank always tries to add some context to his movie picks by keeping the featured film relevant to current events.

Since Jon Favreau's rendition of "Cowboys & Aliens" releases Friday, the drive-in is showing "Westworld" — a film centered on futuristic robots dressed as cowboys — and the less analogous "Hook."

"We always have some sort of fun tie-in that ties into something today,

BLUE STARLITE MINI URBAN DRIVE-IN

Upcoming Shows at

- Cesar Chavez location:

"Westworld" July 21, 9 p.m. "Sixteen Candles" July 27, 9 p.m.

"Back to the Future II"

July 30, 9 p.m.

- Sixth Street location:

"Big" July 23, 9 p.m.

but there's also the nostalgic factor. I always try to mix in something alternative or subversive or heady," Frank said. "Like 'Hook' is a total crowd-pleaser and our patrons have been asking for it, but then 'Westworld' is a 1970s sci-fi movie that probably hasn't been shown in a long time. So we try to mix it up."

While the brick-and-mortar theater on Cesar Chavez Street is the epicenter of Frank's business, the portable version on Sixth Street is what Frank is working to improve.

"I imagine more satellites and I imagine having satellite locations in other cities too," he said. "We're also looking into the idea of doing one in a big field in a smaller town outside of Austin like once a week. Like exploring a larger drive-in version



Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff

Families and friends gather at the theater to watch films out of the back of their cars.

that's more of a destination that you would drive to for an evening."

Within the next year, Frank said he wants to test the urban drive-in experience in other cities as well.

Theatrical design graduate student Renee Berthelette said her experience at Blue Starlite was different from the drive-ins she grew up going to.

"It was definitely different from

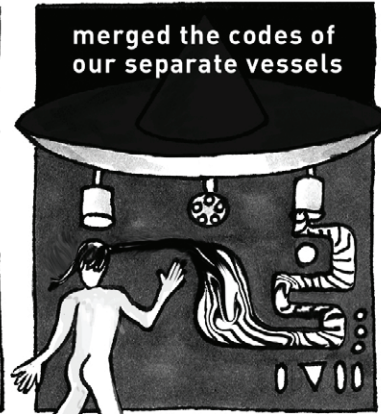
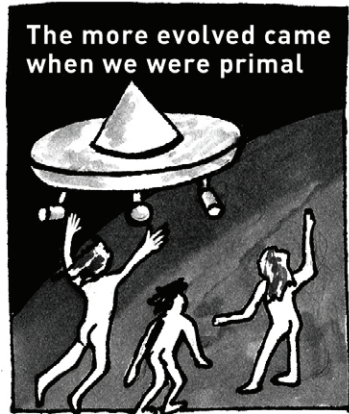
how I had experienced [drive-ins] because it was so Austin-y," Berthelette said. "It seems super Austin-y — like the decorations, the atmosphere. The fact that we were watching this old, obscure movie ... it wasn't like a traditional drive-in experience to me."

Frank said the awe patrons derive from the experience is what sustains his interest in the business.

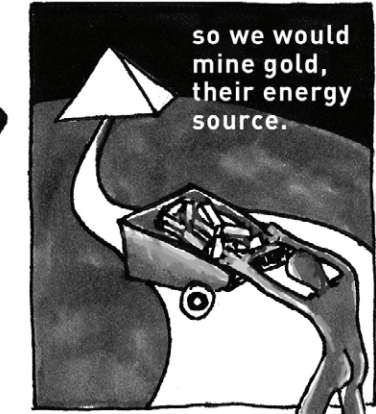
"I continue to be blown away and humbled by the mere fact that when ... we help the car to their space and put the speaker in their window, nine times out of 10, the person looks up with just a giant smile on their face and they're like, 'This is the coolest thing ever,'" Frank said. "That smile makes it all worthwhile. It's what gets us through the dog days of summer and the cold days of winter."



The Mind Bubble

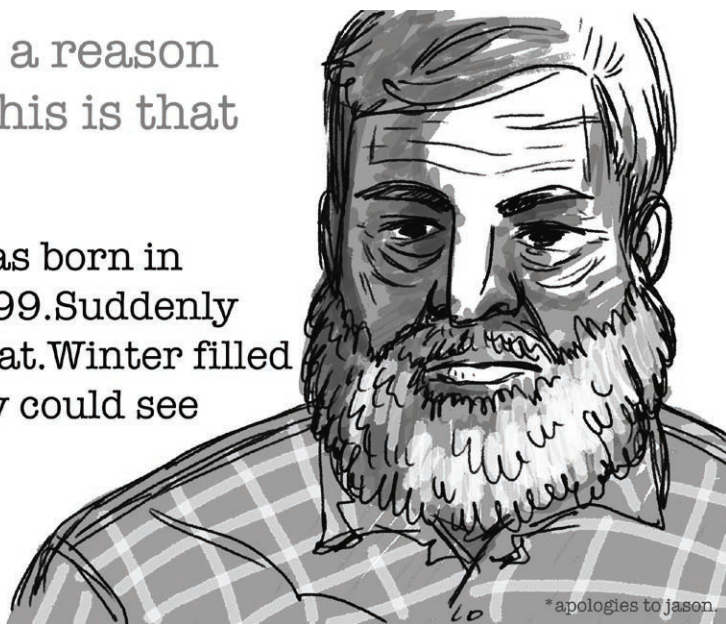


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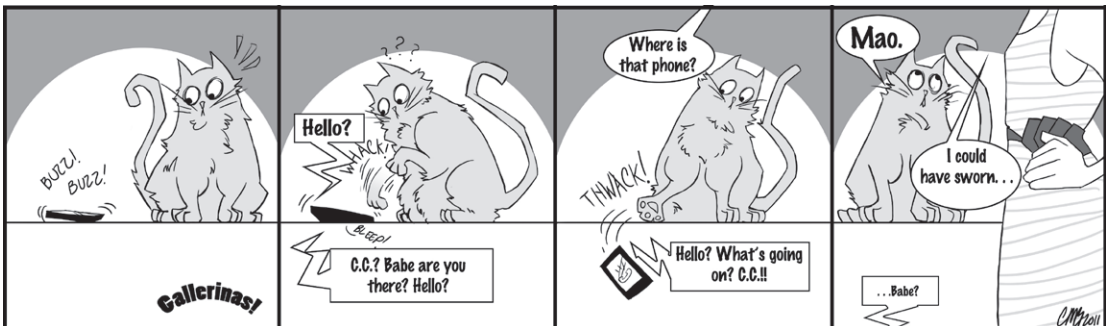


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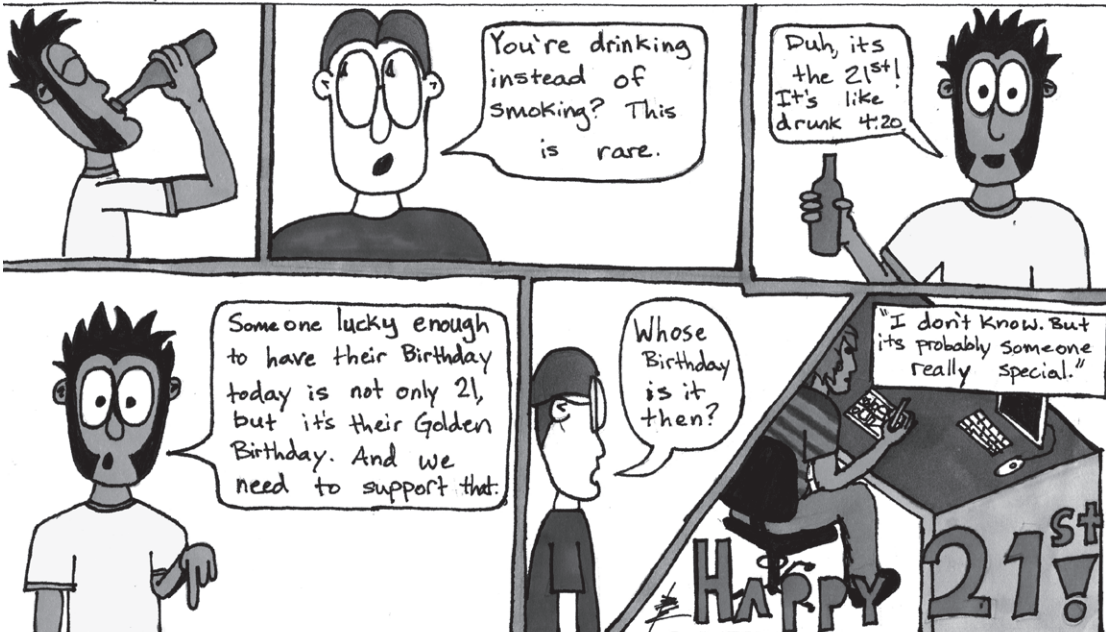
Hemingway was born in Oak Park in 1899. Suddenly he spoke to a cat. Winter filled the room. They could see the ocean.*



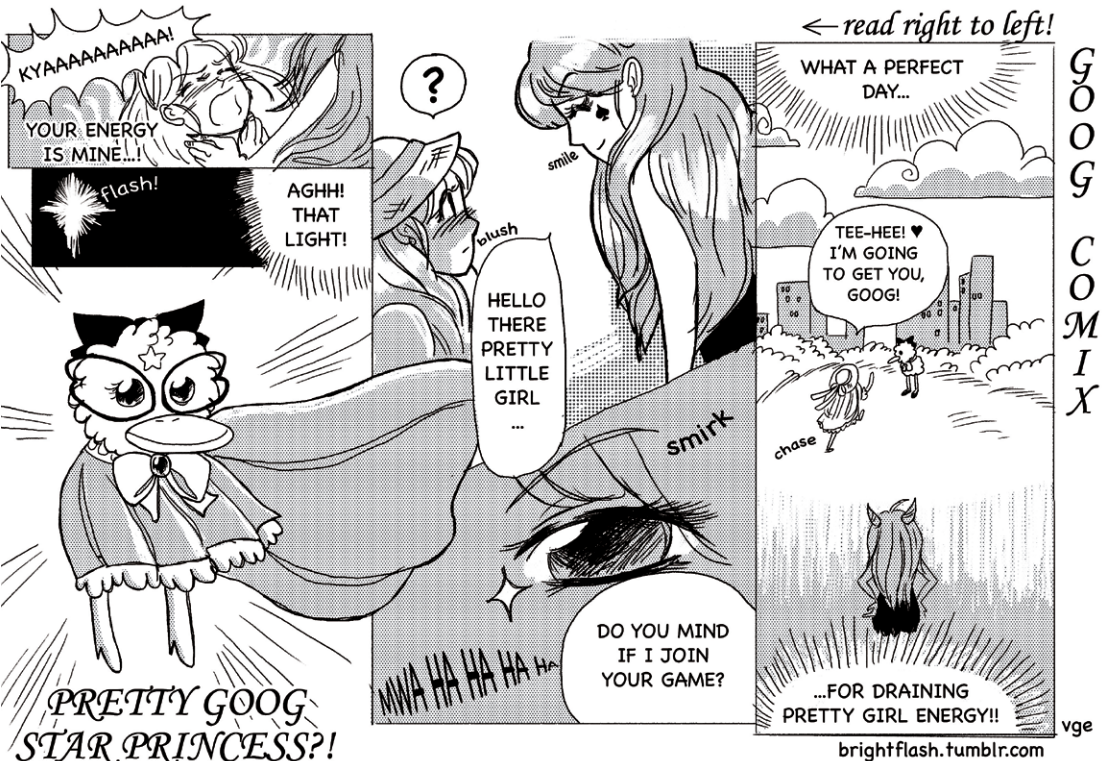
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The Daily Lamb's Bread #10



Blake Earle



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Thursday's solution

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GARY BUSEY'S TEETH GR/AW

THE NEXT PHASE OF X-MEN EVOLUTION



SHEA'S REBELLION



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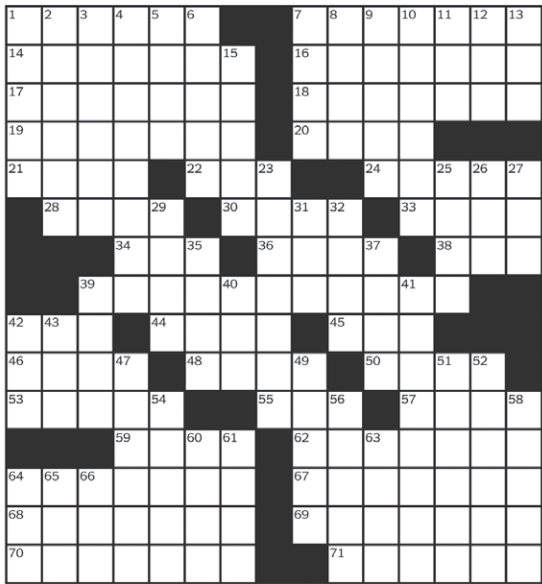
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No. 0616

- Across**
- 1 Explorer Abel who discovered New Zealand
 - 7 Band with the 1994 platinum record "Always"
 - 14 Lease period, often
 - 16 Pacific
 - 17 Purplish drink
 - 18 "Pete _____ Greatest Hits" (1967 release)
 - 19 "It looks that way to me!"
 - 20 "Let off some steam?"
 - 21 Casting need
 - 22 Accompany musically, maybe
 - 24 Walks off with
 - 28 "____" soup
 - 30 "Not get some Z's?"
 - 33 "Birthday secret
 - 34 Kind of dye
 - 36 Capital whose name means "big tree" in Arabic
 - 38 Hockey's Tikkanen
 - 39 Title for this puzzle ... which the answers to the eight starred clues will help explain
 - 42 Tic-tac-toe loser
 - 44 Suffix with concession
 - 45 Make out
 - 46 "Workshop sight, perhaps
 - 48 "CD part
 - 50 "Providence campus for aspiring artists, for short
 - 53 "____ My Sugar Standing in the Rain" (1920s hit)
 - 55 Sea-____ Airport
 - 57 "Hud" Oscar winner Patricia
 - 59 "It may be pumped or bumped
 - 62 Port on the Tyrrhenian Sea
 - 64 Fantastik, e.g.
 - 67 Causing to wear away
 - 68 Not false
 - 69 Big name in pizza
 - 70 Noodle strainers?
 - 71 Smoothie flavor
- Down**
- 1 Words sung "with love"?
 - 2 Wreath for the head
 - 3 Martial arts instructor
 - 4 1942 musical starring Rita Hayworth
 - 5 Ethereal
 - 6 Two-time Oscar nominee J. Carrol
 - 7 Big blowout
 - 8 "The _____ Love" (1987 hit)
 - 9 Big blowout?
 - 10 Puzzle type
 - 11 Be shy
 - 12 Alternative spelling: Abbr.
 - 13 Collection agcy.
 - 15 French Fauvist
 - 23 Athletic conference for Grinnell, Ripon and Beloit
 - 25 Chicken _____
 - 26 Suffix with heir or host
 - 27 Doo-wop syllable
 - 29 Baum princess
 - 31 The first "S" in S.S.R.: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by David Steinberg

- 32 Pursuits of some candidates, for short
- 35 "The Wizard _____"
- 37 New World abbr.
- 39 Water bearer?
- 40 Night that "Dallas" aired for most of its run: Abbr.
- 41 Checked
- 42 Benedict _____ (pope beginning in 2005)
- 43 Salad topping
- 47 Rub away
- 49 Clocked out
- 51 Sister of Venus
- 52 Yogurt brand
- 54 Points at the table?
- 56 Fake chocolate
- 58 Mucho
- 60 Spanish muralist
- 61 Uno y dos
- 63 Linda _____
- 64 TV show with Dr. Ray Langston
- 65 Kind of license: Abbr.
- 66 One who's often looking down in the mouth, for short?

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I LOVE YOU, _____, LIKE I'VE NEVER LOVED BEFORE!!1

BASEBALL

Dell Diamond hosts first-ever open tryouts

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

It was the chance of a lifetime, an opportunity that only seems to emerge from big-budget Hollywood movies. Hundreds of hopeful ballplayers descended upon Round Rock to take a crack at being the newest Major League Baseball player.

The Rangers, in association with their Triple A affiliate the Round Rock Express, held open tryouts at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock. The tryouts brought in more than 300 baseball players from around the country praying for the opportunity to live out their singular boyhood dream.

"This opportunity means the world to me, and it's something I've dreamt about since I was six," said Austin-American Statesman employee and former high school catcher John Quintillo. "Besides my fiancée, baseball is my No. 1 love."

The tryouts brought out a range of hopefuls with varying degrees of skill and a number of different motivations for trying out.

Corey Peoples, 23, first picked up a baseball when he was 6 years old in Victoria, Texas. Peoples is on a baseball scholarship at a junior college in New Mexico, and he drove more than 10 hours to try out for his family as much as himself. He said the potential contract could help pay for his mother's overdue medical bills, as well as provide for his young nephews.

"This opportunity would mean having a chance to pay off my mom's brain surgery, as well as getting my nephews out of the situation they are in," Peoples said. "Right now they are all living in a four-bedroom house with eight people in it. They need a place to play."



Andrew Edmonson | Daily Texan Staff

Several hopeful players prepare for batting practice during the Texas Rangers open tryout Wednesday. Over 300 people tried out.

Peoples' brother, Blaine, died last year. He said that he was also trying out in his honor.

Round Rock Express General Manager George King was among the scouts assessing the talent. Although the chances of anyone making it are slim, he said open tryouts are still important and have yielded some success in the past.

"We have a great example on our own roster right now of someone who was lying out there and no

one found him yet, and that's Mark Hamburger, who is a relief pitcher for us," he said. "In 2007 he walked into the Metrodome in Minneapolis for an open tryout like this with the Minnesota Twins and walked out with a professional contract."

King also said the tryouts represent a throwback to a brand of baseball that is slowly disappearing.

"It used to be a normal thing in old-school baseball," he said of the open tryouts. "It's more rare

these days with the sophistication of scouting, but there is still the belief out there that no matter how good that system is, there are still diamonds in the rough. This is the original American Idol. It's been around as long as baseball's been around."

Just as baseball is part of the fabric that makes up America, so too are big dreams. Andrea Newton went to the tryouts to watch her 18-year-old son. She said he has dreamt of

this moment his whole life.

"It just makes me proud just to see him out there giving it his all," she said.

According to Rangers management, the team didn't offer any of Wednesday's prospects a contract, but were nonetheless impressed with a handful of players. And although no one got the call from the majors at this tryout, the dreams of these lifelong baseball lovers still lives on.

FOOTBALL



Daily Texan file photo

Cedric Benson tries to get past a couple of Baylor defenders in 2004. Once the NFL lockout ends, Benson is set to become a free agent, but teams may be wary of signing Benson after another arrest last weekend.

Benson faces legal troubles off the field



By Trey Scott
Daily Texan Columnist

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Fool me six times? You need some serious help.

Former Longhorn running back Cedric Benson had his sixth run-in with the law last weekend when he was arrested and jailed on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a man now identified as a former roommate. According to NBC Sports, here's how it went down.

"According to the affidavit, the roommate [Charles Clavens] was talking on a cell phone on a street corner at 5 a.m. when Benson approached him. Benson allegedly told him they "need to talk about their problems" and then repeatedly hit him in the face. The police report said the roommate was bleeding from the mouth and possibly lost teeth."

Nice timing, considering he's days from being a free agent and all, but it's not like this most recent altercation raises any red flags for interested NFL teams. No, those were raised

long ago. He was arrested twice in college; once for possession of marijuana (charges were dropped after a friend came forward and claimed the drugs were his and not Benson's) and another for criminal trespass after he kicked down an apartment door in an attempt to recover a stolen television. His punishment after that was something reserved for when an athlete skips too many classes or speaks out at practice. He missed the 2003 game against Baylor. Oh no! Not the Baylor game! The Longhorns rolled anyway, 56-0.

Where's the discipline in that? Mack and company should have seen the signs of trouble and nipped those in the bud. Nobody learns something from having to miss a game nobody cares about. In 2008, Benson had two alcohol-related arrests in the span of two weeks. One by land and one by lake. Somehow he managed to slip out of major punishment, as a grand jury declined to indict him. But he still awaits trial for allegedly assaulting a Sixth Street bar employee last summer.

Visions of Benson barreling over would-be tacklers have instead been replaced by thoughts of him punching out bartenders and room-

mates, operating both cars and boats while intoxicated, barging into living rooms and smoking a little too much dope. By my count, no other Longhorn has had as many legal issues as Benson. The guy makes Ramoncel Taylor look like a saint.

It is unfortunate. Benson rushed for the second-most yards in school history, won the Doak Walker Award and was drafted fourth overall in the 2005 draft. He wore out his welcome with his first team, the Chicago Bears, who had no choice but to release him.

As a Bengal, things have gone well for Benson. He eclipsed 1,000 yards in each of the past two seasons. But his contract is up, and it's hard to say if a team with a perennial image problem is willing to risk re-signing him.

So many people are against any thought of their "perfect" Longhorns being bad people that they've made countless excuses for Benson: "It wasn't his weed, it was his friend's." "He needed his TV back." "He wasn't drunk." "Cedric was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

That latter argument works once, maybe twice. But not six times.

BASEBALL

Teagarden brings local flair to Round Rock clubhouse

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

Those who attend minor league baseball games are usually unfamiliar with the players they watch, but there is one name that piques fans' interest when it's called at the Dell Diamond.

"You get some UT fans out there in the stadium, and I get some extra cheers when my name gets called," said Round Rock Express catcher Taylor Teagarden. "It's pretty cool to see that people still remember me. It says a lot about UT fans in general, and how much the University impacts people."

When J. Brent Cox finished off the Florida Gators in the 2005 College World Series, it was Teagarden that caught the championship-clinching strike three. Now, Teagarden is catching for the Express pitching staff. Following a three-week stint with the Texas Rangers, Teagarden is back in Round Rock, minutes from where he played college baseball. He's helping the Express hang on to a division lead that currently stands at eight games.

"I'm having a blast here," Teagarden said. "This is one of the best clubhouses I've ever been a part of. There's a lot of talent, a lot of leadership and a lot of veteran guys here. We're winning games. Hopefully we'll keep this up and make a nice little playoff run."

Teagarden hit .318 during his most recent trip to the big leagues, saving his best game for last when he went 3-for-5 with two doubles July 1 against Florida. Since being sent back to Triple A Round Rock on July 4, however, Teagarden has just four hits in 31 at-bats. On June 5, he boasted a .355 batting average with the Express. Teagarden is still hitting a respectable .281, but may need to recall some lessons he learned while in a Longhorn uniform to break out of his slump.

"[Playing at Texas] let me know that I'm a winner and I can survive any challenge," Teagarden said. "Baseball's a game of failure. I experienced that a little bit and figured out how to overcome it, how to work hard and improve myself. It taught me how to approach baseball and the game of life."

Before Teagarden was called up June 12, the Express were a half game back in the PCL American South Division. When he was sent back to Round Rock, they were seven games ahead of Albuquerque. If the Express stay on top of their division through the end of the regular season, they'll be in the playoffs and in pursuit of a championship.

Good thing they have Teagarden behind the plate. Thanks to his days at Texas, he knows a thing or two about winning championships.



James Garner | Round Rock Express

Taylor Teagarden, middle, hit .333 in 2005, when he helped Texas win a national title. Now he's trying to bring a title to Round Rock.

SIDELINE

BIG 12
PRESEASON POLL

1	Oklahoma (41)
2	Texas A&M (1)
3	Oklahoma State (1)
4	Missouri
5	Texas
6	Baylor
7	Texas Tech
8	Kansas State
9	Iowa State
10	Kansas

SPORTS
BRIEFLY

College GameDay to help kick off Longhorn Network's debut

The group who many avid college football fans are accustomed to starting their Saturday morning with will help Longhorn Network kick off their much-anticipated programming. From the Longhorn Network, Lowell Galindo, Samantha Steele, and Kevin Dunn will join the ESPN's College GameDay crew of Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit, Lee Corso, Desmond Howard, and Erin Andrews for a two-hour special from the South Mall on campus Friday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.

"In true Texas fashion, we're going to launch Longhorn Network in a big way," said vice president of programming Dave Brown.

The Longhorn volleyball team's season opener against Pepperdine will air live at 8 p.m. following the special. The Longhorn Network also announced that it will air all five seasons of Friday Night Lights.

— Christian Corona

Stanford, Tennessee, Michigan State among 2011-2012 foes

The Texas women's basketball team will open its 2011-2012 season against Stanford on November 11. The Cardinal, who finished last season ranked fourth, are expected to crack the top ten again this season. After hosting Southeastern Louisiana and Alcorn State, the Longhorns will head to Honolulu, Hawaii for the Rainbow Wahine Showdown. There they will face California, Virginia and host Hawaii during the three-day tournament.

With the team's return to the continental United States comes more tough opposition: Tennessee and Michigan State. Texas will travel to Knoxville to face the Lady Vols Dec. 4, for what has become an annual game.

On December 10, Texas will participate in the second Big 12/Big Ten Women's Basketball Challenge when it faces off against Michigan State in Austin. Last season, both conferences agreed to an inter-conference series of games.

To cap off its non-conference schedule, Texas will host Arkansas-Pine Bluff, North Texas, Grambling State and Delaware State in Austin throughout December.

— Sara Beth Purdy